Republic of Texas } Know all Men by these Presents that I, D. the
County of Harris } Undersigned B. Owen Payne of the County of Harris
reposing official trust and Confidence in the Integrity & Skill of M.C.
Hamilton Esq of the County of Washington have appointed and do
by these Presents again Nominate, Constitute and Appoint said M.C.
Hamilton Esq my Lawful Agent & Attorney-in-fact for the following purposes
to wit: to transact for me all business which I have with the Government of
the aforesaid Republic or any of the departments, particularly the
Department of War & Treasury relative to my Pay as Captain of Artillery
etc., to receive my pay Monthly or otherwise as it falls due, giving
receipts and acquittances in any frame by which I hereby acknow-
ledge myself and my heirs bound to ratify & Confirm (including
the transaction of any business generally with the aforesaid Govern-
ment relative to my Pay Accts accounts Commutation etc for the years
1843 and 1844) as if done by myself in person on the premises.

Given under my hand & seal
this 9th day of February A.D.
1844 of the Independence of Texas the Eighth.

B. Owen Payne

Republic of Texas } Before me, Daniel D. Culp Notary Public of
County of Harris } Harris County, came B. Owen Payne of the said County who in
my presence duly signed the above written Letter of Attorney and acknow-
ledged the instrument as his own, it being his will & determination to
authorise & fully empower M.C. Hamilton Esq of the County
of Washington, to act as his Attorney-in-fact etc to attend to all
unfinished business & any business that may occur of his relating to
his Accounts Claims, etc, with the Government of Texas;
In Witness which I have hereunto affixed my hand
and seal of office this 9th day of February
A.D. 1844 and of the Independence of the
Republic of Texas the Eighth.

Daniel D Culp
Notary Public of Harris County

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